

REMARKS

After entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 1-114 will be pending. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted, *inter alia*, to bring the present claims into closer alignment with the amended claims filed on March 2, 2005 in counterpart International Application No. PCT/US03/41759. Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by the above amendments. As the application has already published as United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0043585 A1 on February 24, 2005, Applicants believe the submission of a substitute specification containing the current amendments is not required.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical and/or clerical errors. Specifically, on page 3, line 5, the misprint of "U.S. Patent No. 5,863,267" has been corrected to "U.S. Patent No. 5,863,627." On page 27, line 20, the second occurrence of "of the" has been deleted. On page 93, line 18, the misstatement of the unit of measurement for the permeability of water has been corrected from "1 L/min/psi/cc" to "1 Darcy." On page 94, line 8, the miscalculation of the permeability of water through the reticulated foam has been corrected from "413 L/min/psi/cc" to "184 Darcys."

Claims 3, 5, 8-13, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 37, 39, 41-44 and 47 have been amended. New claims 50-114 have been added. Support for the claim amendments and new claims 50-114 may be found, *inter alia*, at the location(s) in the initially filed specification and claims as indicated below:

CLAIM NO.	EXEMPLARY SUPPORT
Amended claim 3	Page 38, lines 20-23 of the specification; original claim 3
Amended claim 5	Page 19, lines 26-29 of the specification
Amended claim 8	Page 20, line 10 of the specification
Amended claim 9	Page 26, lines 27-30 of the specification
Amended claim 10	Page 26, lines 25-30; page 88, lines 25-26 of the specification
Amended claim 11 and new claim 50	Page 28, lines 2-7 of the specification
Amended claim 12	Page 36, line 23 and page 37, line 24 of the specification; original claim 12
Amended claim 21	Page 50, lines 25-32 of the specification; original claim 21
Amended claim 23	Page 50, lines 25-32 of the specification; original claim 23
Amended claim 25	Page 50, lines 25-32 of the specification; original claim 25
Amended claim 26	Page 43, line 1; page 44, line 27; Table 2 on page 88 and Table 3 on page 90 of the specification; original claim 26
Amended claim 32	Page 39, lines 20-26 of the specification; original claim 32
Amended claim 33 and new claim 51	Page 38, line 26 to page 39, line 5; page 39, lines 23-24 of the specification

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Amended claim 37	Page 39, line 10 of the specification; original claim 39
Amended claim 39	Page 39, line 11 of the specification; original claim 37
Amended claim 47	Page 63, line 17 of the specification; original claim 47
New claim 52	Original claim 35
New claim 53	Original claim 36
New claims 54 and 65	Page 24, lines 3-12
New claims 55, 59, 67, 104 and 114	Page 11, lines 14-15; page 30, lines 24-25; Example 6 on page 84; Figure 7
New claim 56	Page 27, lines 21-22 of the specification
New claim 57	Page 12, lines 19-23
New claims 58, 66, 103 and 113	Original claim 13
New claims 60, 68-77, 80, 83, 86, 89, 91, 93, 95, 98, 100, 102, 107, 110 and 112	Page 15, lines 3-8; page 34, lines 1-5; Example 12 on page 87; Examples 13 and 14 on page 89; Example 15 on page 90; Example 16 on page 93; and Example 17 on page 94 of the specification
New claim 61	Page 63, lines 17-19 of the specification
New claim 62	Page 42, lines 19-24
New claim 63	Page 42, lines 28-31
New claim 64	Original claim 26
New claims 78, 81 and 84	Page 93, line 17-18 and page 94, lines 7-8 of the specification
New claim 79	Page 44, lines 19-25 of the specification
New claim 82	Page 44, line 25 and page 45, line 2 of the specification
New claim 85	Page 44, lines 19-25 of the specification; original claims 30, 33, 37, 43, 51 and 52
New claims 87 and 96	Original claim 31
New claims 88 and 97	Original claim 38
New claims 90, 94, 99 and 101	Original claims 26 and 44
New claim 92	Page 41, lines 1-2 and 18-20; page 42, line 16; page 44, line 25 and page 45, line 2 of the specification; original claim 52
New claim 105	Page 70, lines 24-30
New claim 106	Page 62, lines 26-32
New claim 108	Original claim 26; page 34, lines 22-25 and 31-34; page 35, lines 2-5; Example 17 on page 94
New claim 109	Page 36, lines 4-11
New claim 111	Original claims 26 and 44; Example 17 on page 94

Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment (other than for the additional claims submitted separately herewith). However, should the Patent Office determine that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

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